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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING FUEL CELLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The Department of
2 Transportation shall establish a fuel cell program. Said program shall
3 include, but not be limited to: (1) Contracting with a Connecticut
4 business to produce transit buses powered by fuel cells, (2)
5 transitioning to the use of fuel cells at Bradley International Airport,
6 and (3) establishing up to three hydrogen refueling hubs in the state.

7 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) For the purposes described in
8 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
9 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
10 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
11 the aggregate fifty million dollars each year for the next four years.

12 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
13 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
14 Department of Transportation for the purpose of implementing the
15 fuel cell program established pursuant to section 1 of this act.

16 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
17 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
18 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
19 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
20 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
21 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
22 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
23 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
24 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
25 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
26 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
27 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
28 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
29 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
30 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
31 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
32 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
33 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
34 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
35 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
36 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
37 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
38 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
39 due.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2008	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2008	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide funding for fuel cells to be used as an alternative energy source to power Connecticut transit buses and Bradley International Airport.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]